Short-Term Vacation Rental FAQ

Do I need a permit to use my home as a short-term rental (Airbnb, VRBO, etc.) in the City of Franklin?

Yes, following the application process and yearly renewal.

How much does a short-term rental permit cost?

Permits are \$60. Other costs include City of Franklin business license issued by the Revenue Management Department.

What are the requirements for a home to be permitted?

That depends on the zoning district. Some zoning districts within the City of Franklin do not have any restrictions for STR while other zones have additional use regulations, and still others are not permitted at all.

What do the additional use regulations include certain zoning districts?

Additional use regulations include the property owner is a permanent occupant of the premises, meaning they occupy the dwelling for more than 21 days a month on average within any 12-month period; Registers to vote using the address of the dwelling; Receives mail at the dwelling; Registers a vehicle or applies for a driver's license using the address of the dwelling; and is registered to attend school, if applicable, using the address of the dwelling.

How can I find out which zoning district my home is in?

The City of Franklin zoning map can be accessed in the link below:

https://eoc.franklin-gov.com/zoning/?mobileBreakPoint=300

How can I find out if my property is permitted without restrictions or has additional use regulations?

The City of Franklin Use Regulation Zoning Ordinance chart can be accessed in the link below. Principle use indicators are on the upper left-hand side of the page.

https://web.franklintn.gov/FlippingBook/FranklinZoningOrdinance/84/index.html

What other STR permit regulations do I need to be aware of?

The City of Franklin Municipal Code relating to Short-Term Rentals can be reviewed in the link below.

https://library.municode.com/tn/franklin/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_TIT13PRMARE _CH2SHTEVARE

What if I have other questions related to short-term rental permits in the City of Franklin?

Call City of Franklin, Building & Neighborhood Services, (615) 550-6738